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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH RICHARD HENRY, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINE;

1 RICHARD HENRY OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF
THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON THIS PAST WEEK
CALLING ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND ON DEPTOFFS INCLUDING
ON JUNE 19, EA DEPUTY ASST. SECY. HUMMEL.

2. IN LATTER MEETING HENRY WAS INTERESTED IN THE PROSPECTS
OF THE TRADE REFORM BILL. MR. HUMMEL SAID THAT THE PROS-
PECTS FOR THE BILL SEEMED BETTER AND THAT WE WERE LOOKING
SOLELY TO THIS AS THE AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH TRADE CON-
CESSIONS TO THE PHILS COULD BE MADE.

3. HENRY SAID THAT UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY AMERICAN BUSINESS-
MEN IN THE PHILIPPINES HAD BEEN DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE
PROSPECTS FOR POST LAUREL-LANGLEY. HE NOTED THAT THE
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DEPARTURE OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM AND THE MARCOS STATE-

MENTS OF LATE MAY HAD MADE THEM SOMEWHAT MORE HOPEFUL. MR. HUMMEL OBSERVED THAT, NOW THAT THE TEAM HAD LEFT WITH TEXTS TO DISCUSS, THE USG WAS RECIPROCATING MARCOS' UNILATERAL ACTIONS AND ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARD A POST LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT. HENRY NOTED THAT AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN COULD LIVE WITHOUT A TREATY, BUT THIS WOULD MEAN GIVING UP ANY HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT OF VESTED RIGHTS IN LAND WHICH THEY STILL HOPE TO SECURE.

4. HENRY EXPRESSED HIS HOPES FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND AND FOR A FURTHER DECREE ON RETAIL TRADE. MR. HUMMEL NOTED THAT WE COULD PERHAPS EXPECT MORE MOVEMENT IN THESE AREAS NOW THAT THE TEAM WAS IN MANILA.

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